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When I hoarded a hus the other day I was sure I had seen the driver somewhere before.

I remembered where when he turned up on my doorstep that evening. He was my husband.

Mrs D. McArdle Arbroath

Imagine my surprise when I awoke the other morning and it was 9.30. I had over-slept. I wonder whether any

other readers have had this experience? Miss L. Howe

Nevener Le

#### Strange erience

The other night I had a strange experience. 1 dreamt that I was Charlie Nicholas, the Arsenal and Scotland football star.

Imagine my surprise when I awoke to find that I was Charlie Nicholas

London

I think the Royal Family are marvellous. They do a wonderful job. Mrs L. Hammond

Suffalk

#### ising he was there", he told us afterwards.

Car owner Bob Jackson couldn't believe his eves the day he opened his

Puss in boot

For inside, curled up in the corner, he found his pet cat 'Tiddles'.

#### Car

"He must have got in while I was washing the car on the drive, and I reversed the car into the garage not real-

#### Cat

Remarkably Tiddles the cat was none the worse for wear after his frightening experience.

"It's a lucky thing cats have nine lives" added a relieved Bob after forgiving his mischievous moggy.

## **Boobs!**

Shapely Joanna Jones has got a massive pair of assets.

Said Ioanna's mother: "I always knew she would go places - she's certainly got the credentials".

#### Melons Ioanna's boyfriend.

Tony photographer

What a beautiful bottom How about a picture of gorgeous Glenda has in some cows? volume 15, No. 7. I hope we'll be seeing more of

the same in future issues. E. Richards Derby 

My 12-year-old daughter is a big fan of recording group Duran Duran. So we are buying her their L.P. for Christmas.

Mrs I. W. Holdane Berkshire \* Tell us your most

interesting Christmas present story. 15 for the hest one received.

I'm sure your readers are familiar with the expression 'you can't teach an old dog new tricks'. Well, I'm sure our labrador Goldie would dis-

agree. Even though he

isn't particularly old. Mrs Ivy Jones Devon

DOCTOR, I'VE GOT A STOMACH UPSET



Lewis told us that when Joanna goes shopping, she rarely forgets the melons! "She always comes in with a nice pair", he added.

#### Knockers When our reporter call-

ed, Joanna's bell was out of order. Lucky thing she had a big pair of knockers!

P. Barker

Rotheram



hear any other suggestions readers have.

#### Car Trouble

In a crowded car park my husband and I were unable to find our car. We felt proper fools when, after 3 hours, we

remembered we don't have Luckily we both saw the funny side.

Mrs E. Rolands Coventry

I notice that this issue of Viz costs 35p as opposed to 30p previously.

I am sure that this was unavoidable due to increased production costs. Even at 35p, Viz is still a great buy. Mr B. Bromley

Kent

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Players and spectators could hardly believe their eyes when they arrived for a fourth division match in Potizi Bolivia. For the match referee. Mr Boco Perez, had arrived wearing his shorts back to front

A cake factory worker in Areenting was sacked after customers complained of motorbikes in their cakes. Ricardo Gomez later told police how he hed stolen a total of 174 motorcycles and disposed of them by putting them in cakes.

Doctors in Chile could hardly believe their eyes when they examined X-rays of 56 year old traffic warden Enrico Parona. Inside him they found a total of 436 motor cars, weighing no less than 75 tons

A court in Brazil recently fined a rest home owner the equivalent of £25 after hearing how he had sold old age pensioners for pet food

Alfredo De Falcos told the court he had sold 33 residents to his brother's dog food factory by mistake



Wendy's Dream **COMES TRUE!** Evening with 'Shaky'

> for teenage fan Eighteen-year-old Wendy

Thompson couldn't believe her eyes the day she won first prize in a Viz Comic pop competition.

For Wendy, who comes from Fulchester, hadn't even entered. But niether had anyone

else, and so Wendy's name was picked out of several thousand listed in a telephone directory, And her prize: A night out with her pop idol, Shakin' Stevens.

"It was a dream come true", she told us after the couple had dined at a top

restaurant. "Afterwards Shaky took me dancing. It was great. An experience I shall never forget", said an excited

"I shall be placing a regular order for Viz in the future", she added.

Wendy.





















HI PERCY!







### <u>Biscuit</u> <u>cat's a</u> <u>ginger nut</u>

Marmalade the cat almost got himself into a real jam the day he got lost in a biscuit factory.

#### PUSSY

For the ginger kitten nearly lost all of his nine lives at once when he fell into a packaging machine. The poor pussy ended up packed in a biscuit tin along with two pounds of custard creams.

#### KITTEN

Shopkeeper Bill Johnson heard the kitten's cries for help as he was stacking biscuits on shelves at his shop in Sheffield.

"He was in remarkably good shape considering what he's been through. He must have survived by eating biscuits".

#### CAT

Marmalade's owner, Mrs Betty Miles of Carlisle was delighted to get her cat back safe and sound.

"I should think he's had enough biscuits to last him all of his nine lives", quipped Mrs Miles who will be keeping a closer eye on Marmalade in future.

SPIDER JOKE YOUR FLIES LARE UNDONE



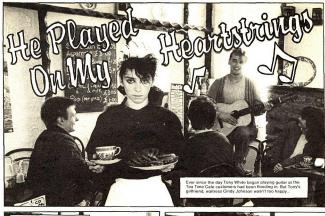
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Cindy explained how Tony had lost his job playing in the Tea Time Cafe, and how she had saved up to buy him the guitar.





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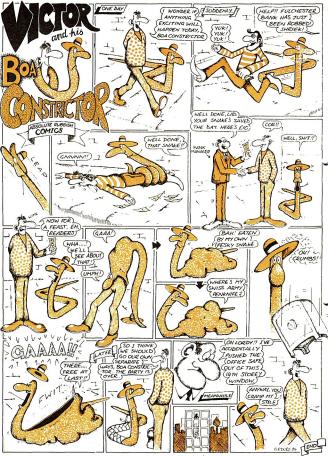






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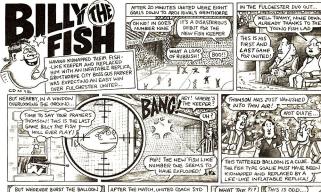
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UNDER ROMANO'S EVIL SPELL ? HAS HE PLAYED HIS LAST GAME FOR UNITED? AND WHO IS OUT TO MURDER BILLY THE FISH? FIND OUT IN THE NEXT EPISODE ..

North East based band DUTCH have decided to think big. For as lead singer Jon explained: "You have to think big if you want to get any-Where these days "

#### HAD

Recent events had been going badly for the band, and morale reached an all time low in 1982 when they almost won the televised 'Battle Of The Bands' com etition.

"We came second", Jon recalled grimly, "But it was far too close for comfort".



Eventually Jon decided to make the 'big' decision, and his first move was to look for new management. "We went to see Foundry Entertainments in Newcastle and I liked what I say. They had a big office, big furniture. They even wore big trousers, I could tell they were thinking big, so we signed up".

#### WAS

The next step for Dutch was to actually get big. "We took on a few backing singers, a couple of brass sections, a few pianists and a harp", Jon explained. "But things didn't work out. There was 26 of us all told, and it was very difficult trying to organise rehearsals"

#### AND

So the band reverted to a four piece line up featuring Jon, Ken Thornton, Paul Campbell and Mark Saville, with Anna Ross providing additional vocals. But as guitarist Paul is quick to point out, the band are still thinking big. "We've all bought bigger instruments", he told us. "And we've added three minutes to the length of all our songs".

## HOSTAGES (



At last! Typeside's time served tunesmiths THE HOST-AGES have a number one hit! They flew straight into our new TOP TEN at number one with their single 'Going Up

In The World'.

But it wasn't that long ago that the band's future was looking bleak. For when the single was released on the EMI label in summer, it failed to appear in the Top Forty, as singer Ray Byrne recalled.

#### POPS

"We were looking forward to seeing ourselves on Top Of The Pops, but when we sat down to watch it, we weren't even in the charts".

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After making enquiries the band discovered that to have a hit single several thousand copies of a record must be sold in record shops.

#### No 1

"That was when we decided to try the Viz Top Ten", drummer Bryan Sowerby explained. The band scraped together five pounds and sent it in, together with a copy of the record. And that fiver was enough to earn the likeable five piece the coverted Number 1 slot.

Sadly, EMI have since terminated the band's recording contract, but as guitarist Dave Whittaker explained, they don't care.

"We've got a number one single, and that's all that matters", he told us.

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#### **Culture Club** on the way out'- claim

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#### Comment

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## Cat in

Soldiers at the Royal Artillery Regiment had given up hope of finding their mascot 'Sheba' the cat after she had gone missing at their base in West Germany.

vant Gunner Ken Green heard noises coming from an unexploded shell half buried in mud on the target range.

That was until obser-

For the adventurous cat had somehow got lost in the regiment's arsenal and had found it's way into a fifty pound artillery shell.

"How she got in there I'll never know", said Sergeant Bill Brown, who looks after the cat.

"Luckily the shell did not explode on impact after it had been fired. Otherwise Sheba would have been a gonner".

Fortunately Sheba was unharmed during her firey experience, if

not a little tired. "Hopefully she'll have learnt her lesson" said Sgt. Brown.

"She must have used eight of her nine lives at once on this occasion", he added.









#### Kitchenware visit recipe for disaster

#### KANF GANG'S H.P. CASSEROLE **LEAVES GROUP** IN THE SOUP

Three Sunderland lads will never forget the day they went shopping in Newcastle. For Martin Brammer, Dave Brewis and Paul Woods stumbled upon Kitchenware Records while trying to buy a set of casserole dishes

#### DISHES

"We saw a sign saying 'Kitchenware' so we in so we just walked in to have a look around. I must have been whistling or something, cos this bloke walked up and offered us a record deal". explained Dave, 27.

But as Paul explained. there had been quite a mix up at the time: "Martin thought he was buying a set of casserole dishes on h.p. so he signed the contract straight away. It was only later when we were told to record a single that we realised we had signed a record deal".

#### **BOWLS**

According to their contract the luckless trio had only 2 weeks in which to record a single.

"It was quite a shock", Dave explained, "None of us had any kind of musical background. We had to go out, buy instruments, and then after a couple of days we tried writing a song".

#### JUGS

The song which they wrote was 'Brother Brother' and it was released as their first single in June 1983 under the band's hurriedly chosen name The Kane Gang. "It wasn't bad for a first

attempt", admitted Paul. But their contractual obligations meant that they still had another three singles to record. By the time the second, 'Smalltown Creed' had been released in April 1984, the unlikely threesome were begining to enjoy life in the music business.



Dave, Paul and Martin. INSET- Smoked glass saucepan set with pouring lip and glazed ceramic handle and I

#### PLATES.

"By the time we recorded our third single, 'Closest Thing To Heaven', we were begining to have fun", Martin explained, "Dave was turning out to be quite a good musician, and Paul and I were doing all the singing."

#### BASINS

Indeed, 'Closest Thing To Heaven' was a number 12 hit for the group in the UK. and they were soon making their debut on Top Of The Pops. And they expect their fourth single to do even better! PYRFX

However the release of 'Respect Yourself' means that the groups contractual obligations have been fulfilled. Asked about their plans for the future. Dave Brewis was unsure. "I'm not sure", he told us.
"We may just go back to Sunderland and try to lead normal lives again. But then again, we've enjoyed making records and we may stick at it for a while yet". GRAVY BOAT

But Martin Brammer has no doubts about his immediate plans: "With all this money I've made at last I'll be able to buy some casserole dishes", he announced. "But this time I'll be more careful before signing anything".

## UNLUCKY

Ada Wilson is surely the most unlucky pop singer/ songwriter in Wakefield. For despite over 20 years in the music business he is still no nearer to having a hit than he was on the day he started. "I began in 1962 playing at

The Cavern Club in Livernool. Things were going well until I was suddenly kicked out to make room for The Beatles. At first they had asked me to join them, but I missed a bus on the way to the audition and Paul McCartney got the job instead".

#### SONGS Ada spent the rest of the

sixties writing new songs. "In one week I wrote 'Walk On By', 'McArthur Park' 'Yesterday' and 'California Dreaming', but I left them all on a bus. Someone must have found them and ripped them all off".

#### PUNK

By the turn of the decade a frustrated Ada had decided to invent 'punk rock'. "I formed a band called The Sex Guns in 1972 and we released a single called



Nothing happened, and eventually we disbanded in 1976, two days before the punk explosion".

### RELAX

In 1983 Ada sent a demo tape of a song he'd written called 'Relax' to producer Trevor Horn. "He didn't reply, but I knew he'd got the tape 'cos the next day Frankie Goes To Hollywood recorded the song and it was a big No.1"

#### SINGLE

Ada recently re-recorded 'In The Quiet Of My Room' a single he first released in 1980. The record is available in the shops on the Thin Sliced label, cat. no. TSR5. And he plans to follow it up with his own version of 'Nathan Jones' version of a song which he wrote him self, but which was stolen during a burglary on his flat in the sixties, and was recorded by The Supremes shortly afterwards.













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### are spandau ballet soft?

The `tough guys' who drink shandy

#### **EXCLUSIVE**

On their record sleeves they look butch. On their videos they look macho. But we can reveal that behind the 'Tough guys' image, SPANDAU BALLET are probably the softest band in Britain; unable to drink a lot, and almost totally disinterested in women.

#### TOUR

We caught up with the band on their recent UK tour and we put it to lead singer Tony Hadley that he couldn't take his drink.



comment. Indeed, all our accusations were greeted by a stony silence from the band.

#### HOTEL

However, when we spoke to staff at the hotel where the group were staying, our suspicions were confirmed. We were told how the band had:

- Drank shandy at the bar.
  Gone to bed at 11.00pm.
- Not taken any girls up to their rooms.
- Done no dammage in the

And a chambermaid, who

prefered to remain anonymous, claimed that ashtrays provided for the band had been left untouched.

#### RING

When we rang the group's record company in London a spokesman said it was a bad line and that he would ring us back. But he didn't.

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